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Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)

Emergency Teleconference

Novel Coronavirus

Monday 3 February 2020 14:00 – 15:00 AEDT

Outcomes

Members attending	
Prof Brendan Murphy	Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer
Prof Paul Kelly	Assistant Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer
Ms Allison McMillan	Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Dr Andrew Robertson	Chief Health Officer, Western Australia
A/Prof Nicola Spurrier	Chief Health Officer, South Australia
Dr Brett Sutton	Chief Health Officer, Victoria
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer, New South Wales
Dr Jeannette Young	Chief Health Officer, Queensland
Dr Mark Veitch	Chief Health Officer, Tasmania
Dr Kerryn Coleman	Chief Health Officer, ACT
R/Adm Sarah Sharkey	Commander Joint Health and Surgeon General, ADF
Ms Justine Rixon	EMA
Dr Hugh Heggie	Chief Health Officer, Northern Territory
Dr Harriett Carr	NZ Ministry of Health
Invited Experts	
Dr Mike Catton	Dr Mike Catton
Professor Jodie McVernon	Professor Jodie McVernon
Dr Sonya Bennett	Dr Sonya Bennett
Professor Allen Cheng	Professor Allen Cheng
Dr Ben Howden	Chair, Public Health Laboratories Network
Professor Lyn Gilbert	Professor Lyn Gilbert
Department of Health	
Ms Rhonda Owen	Assistant Secretary, Health Emergency Management Branch
Dr Gary Lum	Medical Officer, MSAU
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Welcome

The CMO welcomed all members and provided an update of the current situation including the confusion over the period of isolation for people coming from Mainland China.

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The CMO provided an update on the repatriation flight from Wuhan.

Border Activities

Professor Kelly led discussion on the current border activities for both airline and ports including travel protocols for sick passengers arriving on a flight from Mainland China.

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Jurisdictions provided an update on the current arrangements, at international airports, for the screening of passengers as they arrive including the use of health personal and/or biosecurity officers and the provision of documentation on the virus.

The CMO updated members on the development by Health of fact sheets and protocols, similar to airports, for cruise ships and merchant vessels on novel coronavirus and infection control.

- CDNA has advised that the only ships with restrictions were those that left mainland China on 1 February 2020.

Professor Kelly noted that work needs to continue on advice for the border agencies to ensure consistency in messages and protocols.

Action: Health to develop a flow diagram/algorithm for international and domestic travel on the processes that should be undertaken for asymptomatic or symptomatic passengers as they leave the plane.

Action: Health to send contact lists to SA.

Infection Control update

Dr Lum provided members with an update on the development of the Infection Control Advisory Group's interim recommendations for the use of PPE during clinical care of people with possible nCoV infection.

Dr Lum noted that the document would be sent to AHPPC for endorsement once CDNA had approved the content.

Dr Lum also noted that CDNA had been tasked with developing a plan for pandemic coronavirus.

Other Business

Members raised issues regarding advice to Universities around the exclusion period for students arriving from China.

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Action: Health to develop advice on returning university students and the exclusion period.

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